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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

1. REFTEL REPORTS CONSIDERABLE SUSPICION IN LUSAKA THAT CURRENT US-UK ACTIVITY ON RHODESIA MAY BE INTENDED CONFIDENTIAL

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TO SUPPORT AN INTERNAL OPTION. IN PARTICULAR, REFTEL REFLECTS AMBASSADOR LOW'S CONCERN THAT TWO BRITISH MEETINGS WITH MUZOREWA, AS PRESENTLY PLANNED OVER NEXT FEW DAYS IN LONDON, WILL GREATLY STIMULATE ZAMBIAN SUSPICION OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH EFFORTS.

- 2. YOU MAY WISH TO SUGGEST TO OWEN BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL IN LONDON THAT IN VIEW OF THIS REPORT, IT MAY BE BEST FOR BRITISH TO MEET WITH MUZOREWA ONLY ONCE. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, PROVIDE THEM WITH FULL REPORT OF YOUR MEETING WITH HIM.
- 3. WE ARE SENDING SEPTEL INSTRUCTIONS TO EMBASSY LUSAKA FOR THEIR USE IN SEEKING TO ALLAY ZAMBIAN SUSPICIONS.

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